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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--
 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to November 17, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 15.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>December 15, 2005</u>. 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
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DAVID B. THOMAS
PRIMARY EXAMINER

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kenneth Tarlow on December 16, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claims 12-14 have been canceled.

Claim 15 has been added.

Current Status of Claims:

Claims 1-14 (Canceled)

Claim 15 (New) Multi-purpose kitchen device comprising:

a kitchen utensil including first and second elongate handle members releasably joined to each other at a central location thereby forming one long handle;
said first handle member terminating at its distal end in a scoop member;
said second handle member terminating at its distal end in a tool receiving aperture;

said tool receiving aperture capable of easily releasably retaining a plurality of cooking tools each terminating in a common shaft that can be easily inserted and releasably retained in said tool receiving aperture, and

a coffee making funnel having a fine screened bottom shaped to fit within said scoop portion;

said funnel member having opposing tabs at its top perimeter so that said funnel can be placed within a standard coffee cup and said tabs holding said funnel in a suspended position within said coffee cup, one of said tabs terminating in a measuring spoon, and

a salt and pepper shaker shaped to fit within said funnel member.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: It is the examiner's opinion that the art of record considered as a whole, alone or in combination, neither anticipates nor renders obvious, a multi-purpose kitchen device comprising, a kitchen utensil in combination with a coffee making funnel and salt and pepper shakers, wherein said kitchen utensil includes, a first handle member terminating at its distal end in a scoop member and a second handle member terminating at its distal end in a tool receiving aperture, said coffee making funnel having a fine screened bottom and being shaped to fit within said scoop portion and having opposing tabs formed at its top perimeter where one of said tabs terminates in a measuring spoon, and said salt and pepper shakers being shaped to fit within said

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funnel member, together in combination with the rest of the limitations in the independent claim.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert Scruggs whose telephone number is 571-272-8682. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Hail can be reached on 571-272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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